

➔ TODAY'S VERSE

Isaiah 59:19 So shall they fear the name of the LORD from the west, and his glory from the rising of the sun. When the enemy shall come in like a flood, the Spirit of the LORD shall lift up a standard against him.

Meet Mallard



Mallard is a brindle 5 year old male terrier mix that is available for adoption (since 9/7/23). Mallard LOVES going for walks, getting his energy out in a fenced yard, and playing ball/fetch! Mallard is a super snuggler that craves endless love/attention. If Mallard had his way, he'd be covered with a blanket every night and snuggling next to his favorite human. Mallard is looking for his best friend! Could that be you? Mallard is available for adoption, to foster, or just simply going out for walks (with signed waiver, 18 years or older). Mallard is neutered, dewormed, and up to date on all of his shots! AWW is open Monday-Friday from 12:15p-5p and Saturday's from 9:30a-3p. Come snuggle cats in a community cat room, walk dogs, or lend a helping hand!!

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Boomer Bits

About Social Security's "guaranteed" annual cost-of-living adjustment (COLA)



ASK Rusty Social Security Advisor

Social Security Matters

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Dear Rusty:

I've been reading a lot lately about speculation on what next year's benefit increase will be, and it seems like most of the experts are suggesting a range of 2.5% to 3%. My neighbor says don't worry about it, because there will always be some level of increase come January. It's guaranteed, right?

Signed:
Retired But Questioning

Dear Retired: You've brought up a common belief about the annual Social Security COLA, one that we hear often. Let's start with some background. Each year's COLA results from comparing the third quarter average Consumer Price Index (CPI-W) each year to the same average from the preceding year. The result of dividing the current year's average by the previous year's average produces the COLA for the following year. For 2024's adjustment, the 2023 third-quarter average was 301.2 and the comparable figure for 2022 was 291.9, producing the 3.2% benefit addition.

It's not always the case that the year-to-year CPI calculation produces a positive result, as was the case three times so far this century. As recently as 2016, for example, the 2015 third-quarter average was 233.3 and the comparable figure for 2014 was 234.2, producing a negative change. Fortunately for beneficiaries, Social Security law prohibits a negative COLA, so the negative result was ruled out and the COLA for 2016 was zero.

So, the rumor that there will always be a benefit increase in January is untrue, although having only three zero COLA years since the start of automated adjustments in 1974 leads folks to assume there will always be a boost in the new year. The size of the adjustment fluctuates with economic cycles and has ranged from a high of 14.3 percent in 1980 to 0.3% in 2017 (excluding, of course, the zero years). Incidentally, the historical

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Grants Support Arts Programming for Older Adults

The Indiana Arts Commission recently announced that nine arts organizations have received training and grant funding through Lifelong Arts for Arts Organizations, a program that promotes arts and creativity services for adults ages 65 and older. Nine organizations from around the state will each receive \$20,000 to host programming for older adults, supported by the Indiana Arts Commission in partnership with the Family and Social Services Administration, and made possible by a grant provided by the National Assembly of State Arts Agencies in partnership with E.A. Michelson Philanthropy.

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Easy Ideas to Stretch Your Retirement Budget

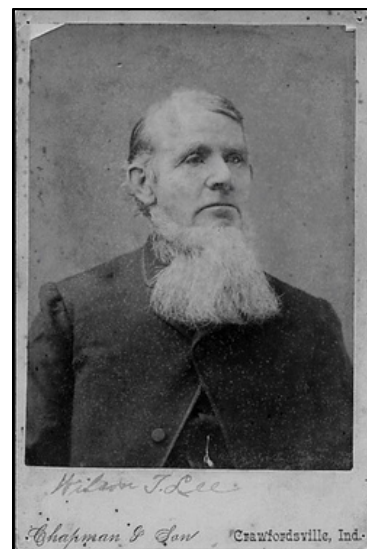
(Family Features) Retirement may mean you have unlimited time to enjoy each day, but it doesn't mean you have a budget to match.

You probably already know staying active is essential for aging with grace, so instead of letting limited funds keep you at home, explore some ways you can enjoy your leisure time without breaking the bank.

Hit the Gym
Many fitness centers offer

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A family we need to talk about more!



KAREN ZACH Around The County

The Lee family has been written about of course, but it is an amazing one I feel is not featured near enough so meet just one of the Lees who made an impression in our community.

Wilson Thompson Lee was an amazing worker, a farmer, wagon maker, and well-loved man. The son of respected parents, (Elder) John Lee (founder of the Primitive Baptist Society in MoCo) and Amassa Lucas, his birth place is controversial, as some have it in Sullivan County, others in Vigo and still others in Montgomery in Indiana while several have him born in Butler County, Ohio (14 November 1820) which I would tend to agree with since his brother, Richard born 1818 definitely was and their sister, Jemima (who married Moses Denman was born April 1823 here). His census records do not help as some say Indiana, others Ohio and one Kentucky. Believe he was one of nine children, most of whom had large families and remained here in MoCo. The famous one of the Elder John's family was the youngest, John (Colonel), at his death the oldest native-born Crawfordsvillian. He served as county treasurer, Deputy US Marshal for Indiana, treasurer of the Home Soldier's Fund during the war and was a main mover and shaker for several local railroads. Elder John died in 1849 and Massey (as their mother was called) lived most of the rest of her life with her son, the Col. Col. John married Letitia West, daughter of Judge Jeremiah and their two daughters married the famous archers, Will and Maurice Thompson!

On July 24th in 1842, Wilson Thompson Lee (thanks so much to Sandra R for the photo) married Jane Ora McCrea (also born in Butler County, Ohio 6 May 1826). They were parents of five daughters (Elizabeth, Sarah; Mary J; Ellen and Angeline) and five sons (John F; James Wilson; Flint; Arlando; William Douglas) although there is some controversy over that, some having two more - I vote ten. For some time, this Lee family lived in Oskaloosa, Iowa where Wilson proved-up government property then sold it and went on to

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➔ TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

Kids who are allowed to add sugar to unsweetened cereal end up eating less sugar than those who eat pre-sweetened cereals.

Today's health tip was brought to you by Dr. John Roberts. Be sure to catch his column each week in The Paper and online at www.thepaper24-7.com



➔ TODAY'S QUOTE

"A good father is one of the most unsung, unpraised, unnoticed, and yet one of the most valuable assets in our society."
Billy Graham

➔ TODAY'S JOKE

How do you know your ice cream is angry?
It has a meltdown.

➔ THREE THINGS You Should Know

- 1 Where are Indiana's most coveted retirement destination? According to our friends at MarketBeat.com, Geist, Zionsville, Carmel and the Meridian-Kessler area in Indianapolis top the list. And nationally, all are in the top 120. What's the top spot in the U.S.? Wailea in Hawaii.
- 2 Speaking of surveys, Nashville in Brown County, the Mass Ave area of Indianapolis and downtown Bloomington were rated the three best spots in Indiana for Alfresco dining. That tidbit came from DatingAdvice.com as they ranked the best spots for this simple yet profound pleasure. In the U.S., the historic district of beautiful Savannah, Ga. came in first and was followed by the West Village in NYC.
- 3 Indiana is set to receive \$18 million as part of a settlement Attorney General Todd Rokita reached with pharmaceutical giant Johnson & Johnson. The payout aims to resolve allegations of deceptive advertising in the company's marketing of baby powder and body powder products that contain the mineral talc. Under the consent judgment, Johnson & Johnson has agreed to permanently cease the manufacturing, marketing, promotion, sale, and distribution of all baby and body powder products and cosmetic powder products that contain talcum powder — either directly, or indirectly through any third party.

➔ MONTGOMERY MINUTE

Did you know the TASTE of Tippecanoe is coming up? It's set for Saturday in downtown Lafayette. However, even better is that things will soon begin gearing up for the very popular TASTE of Montgomery County. The panorama of sights, symphony of sounds and festival of flavors is scheduled for Aug. 24 at the wonderful General Lew Wallace Study & Museum. Tickets are \$8/adult (\$5 presale), \$3/student, children 6 and under are free. Food tickets are \$1/ticket, and no food item is more than 5 tickets.



The Paper appreciates all our customers. Today, we'd like to personally thank MARK DAVIDSON for subscribing!

The Montgomery County Wellness Coalition Launches Free Veggie Libraries in Crawfordsville This Summer!



MONICA NAGELE
 Guest Columnist

The Montgomery County Wellness Coalition is excited to announce the launch of free veggie libraries in Crawfordsville this summer, aimed at increasing access to fresh produce for residents throughout the town. With the goal of promoting a healthier community, individuals are encouraged to take what they need and share some to feed others in need. The veggie libraries can be found at 2 convenient locations including the Free Clinic and the Montgomery County Fairgrounds.

In order to maintain the quality and freshness of the produce, we kindly request that if you come across any expired items, please dispose of them or inform us. For any inquiries or to report expired produce, please contact the Montgomery County Extension Office at (765) 364-6363.

If you would like to learn more or stay updated on this initiative, we invite you to get in touch with the Montgomery County Extension Office, the Health Department, or Purdue Extension.

About the Montgomery County Wellness Coalition:

The Montgomery County Wellness Coalition is dedicated to promoting collaboration and providing centralized access to community resources. Through shared value strategies addressing health equity, the coalition strives to create healthy connected communities that improve individuals' quality of life through prevention, education, awareness, and partnership. To learn more or get involved, please contact the Health Department or Purdue Extension.

Join us in making a positive impact on our community's well-being. Together, we can foster a healthier and more vibrant Crawfordsville!

Monica Nagele MS/RD, is the Purdue Extension Montgomery County Extension Director, Health and Human Science Educator

Due to the wet spring, many gardens should be producing in excess. So, we encourage you to go check out the libraries and see what you can find. But be patient as we are still early in the season.

Furthermore, the Montgomery County Wellness Coalition is seeking donations of fresh fruits and vegetables to stock the veggie libraries. This presents an excellent opportunity for gardeners to share the fruits (or veggies) of their labor and contribute to the betterment of our community. Additionally, it offers a convenient way to make use of any surplus zucchini or tomatoes. Feel free to select one or multiple locations of your choice and drop off produce at your convenience.

Whether you are seeking fresh, local, and free fruits and vegetables for yourself, your family, or your friends, the veggie libraries are open to everyone in the community. We encourage you to come and choose what you'd like. Together, we can ensure that nutritious food is accessible to all.

Waveland Hot Place to be Tonight



Photo courtesy Waveland Strong

The cruise-in begins this evening in the park at Waveland.

Looking for something to do tonight? You might consider heading down to Waveland.

A cruise-in begins at 5:30 p.m. at the Waveland Town Park. Featured will be classic cars, bikes, firetrucks and more. All vehicles are welcome with check-in at 5 p.m.

For the Dad's a vendor market will be open so that people can find those goodies for Father's Day. There will be local items on hand. And bring your appetites. Waveland Strong will have food and concessions for sale. Brown Lucky Leaf 4H Club will be doing the serving at 5 p.m.

Like the announcer says though, but wait, that's not all.

A cornhole tournament gets going at 6 p.m.

The Dapper Dan Band takes the stage at 6 p.m. Danny, Shawn, Joey and the Blanton Family will rock it out to classic rock, blues and country.

At dusk, the movie Wonka will be shown.

Sundae Sundays will be serving ice cream throughout. All proceeds go toward the revitalization of the town ball fields.

And lastly, there's a raffle for car supplies and a 50/50 raffle to support the Brown Lucky Leaf 4H'ers.

Grab your lawn chairs and see you at Waveland!

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Butch Dale's Flashback Trivia



Do You Recognize This Gal?

HINT:
 She graduated from North in 1992, works at an insurance agency and is married to a police officer.

Answer on Page A3

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“We are proud to deepen our work in creative aging thanks to the partnership of the National Assembly of State Arts Agencies, Aroha Philanthropies, and the Family and Social Services Administration,” said Miah Michaelsen, IAC Executive Director. “Meaningful, professional arts experiences are a proven tool to improve the psychological, physical, and emotional health of older adults, and it is a privilege to work with arts organizations to provide these benefits to Hoosiers.”

The organizations receiving funding, and the projects they will support, include:

- The Honeywell Foundation, Inc. (Wabash, IN) - Senior Perspectives: Observational Art Class
- libada Dance Company (Indianapolis, IN) - Seasoned Feet
- South Shore Arts (Munster, IN) - Every Generation: Without Limitations
- Art Barn School of Art, Inc. (Valparaiso, IN) - Art Within Reach: Drawing and Creative Watercolor
- Fort Wayne Dance Collective, Inc. (Fort Wayne, IN) - Apple City Dance Project
- Civic Theatre of Greater Lafayette, Inc. (Lafayette, IN) - Playback: Moving Through Our Memories
- Heartland Sings Inc. (Fort Wayne, IN) - Timeless Tunes for All Singers
- ArtMix Inc. (Indianapolis, IN) - Narrating with Colors
- The Jack & Shirley Lubeznik Center for the Arts (Michigan City, IN)

- 2D Art and Design Fort Wayne Dance Collective will be working with the Renaissance Pointe YMCA on the Apple City Dance Project, which will provide 8-week dance sessions designed specifically for adults ages 55 and up. Each dance session will be focused on creating a welcoming and fun environment where participants will learn a variety of basic dance steps in different styles, while having input on music selection, and the chance to work as a group to create movement inspired by their lives.

ArtMix's program, "Narrating with Colors", is an introductory painting class designed to combat social isolation and build community for aging adults with and without disabilities. Throughout the eight-week session, attendees will learn foundational painting skills while engaging in weekly group discussions about the story of their life. The culmination of the class will be a collaborative mural that weaves the artists' stories together. Participating organizations were selected through an application and panel process and have attended three days of training hosted by Lifetime Arts, a national leader in best practices of creative aging.

Lifelong Arts for Arts Organizations is an expansion of the IAC's portfolio of opportunities for the state's older adults. The program joins existing programs for artists and aging services providers in partnership with the Indiana Family and Social Services Administration.

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average since automatic COLAs began is 3.8%, so the 2024 adjustment of 3.2% isn't that far from the average.

Social Security's rules are myriad and often confusing, but no question is too simple

to be asked. The AMAC Foundation's Social Security Advisory Service is available, at no charge, to answer all your Social Security questions, via email at SSAdvisor@amacfoundation.org or call 1.888.750.2622.

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special rates and programs for older adults. Hitting the track or joining a group fitness class are easy ways to socialize while getting some exercise. The discounted membership is also an investment since staying fit is important for physical and mental health.

Enjoy Early Dinner Deals

You can still enjoy dining out occasionally, especially if you take advantage of lower-cost meals designed with older adults in mind. Many specials are for meals earlier in the day, which is consistent with a growing trend toward earlier dining. According to Yelp, the number of people eating from 4-6 p.m. has grown 9% (up to 26% from 17% in 2019). Eating earlier promotes better digestion, and earlier meals are often lighter portions for smaller appetites. For example, Cracker Barrel's Early Dinner Deals feature smaller portions served from 4-6 p.m. on weekdays. Menu items include a variety of homestyle favorites like chicken n' dumplings, meatloaf, catfish and more.

Check Out the Library

Your local library is filled with hours of free entertainment, but it's not just the kind you'll find from getting a library card. You can undoubtedly find a book that covers any genre or interest you can name, but most local libraries also offer programming tailored to special interests and the sessions are typically offered for free or at a low cost. It's an easy, affordable way to pick up a new skill, meet a favorite author, learn about a topic that intrigues you and more. Other resources to explore include your library's DVD collection and internet access if you don't have a computer at home.

Nurture a Garden

Tending a garden may seem like a seasonal activity, but you can make it a year-round hobby. Researching and planning is a good

way to carry your gardening enthusiasm into the cooler months and you can start seedlings indoors to extend your growing season. While you're digging into this low-cost pastime, remember the results of your efforts, such as fresh fruits and veggies, can help cut your grocery costs, too.

Mind Your Money with DIY

Saving money at the grocery store is just one way you can make DIY projects work for you. There are dozens of other examples of ways you can put your skills and interests to use by passing time doing something you enjoy while benefiting your bank account. If you like to tinker with cars, figure out what repairs you can handle yourself and avoid hefty service fees. Crafting and sewing might mean you have ready-made gifts for special occasions and a way to repair or repurpose damaged clothing instead of discarding it.

Ask About Discounts

You may be surprised by how many places offer discounts for older adults that they don't readily advertise. In some cases, you'll find the information on their website or signage, but other times, you may find it easier to just ask. When you're booking an appointment or checking out, inquire about discounts for older adults, including any restrictions, age requirements, the amount of the discount and other pertinent details. Sometimes the discounts are offered on certain days or for specific services, or they may require you to join a loyalty club to access the discounts. When dining out, many restaurants offer a variety of loyalty perks. Rewards members at Cracker Barrel can earn points, or "Pegs," on qualifying restaurant and retail purchases. Members can also take advantage of bonus birthday, anniversary and surprise rewards throughout the year.

Local Students Earn Spring 2024 Dean's List

More than 400 students were recognized for their outstanding academic performance over the spring 2024 semester at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College by being named to the Dean's List. Local students on the list include :

- Bailey Mittal of Crawfordsville earned Dean's List Highest Honors

- Joseph Gerold of Crawfordsville earned Dean's List Honors
- Macie Shirk of Crawfordsville earned Dean's List Highest Honors
- Olivia Bobenmoyer of Ladoga earned Dean's List Highest Honors
- Darcie Cox of Roachdale earned Dean's List High Honors

Witham Sets Up Blood Drive

Witham Health Services will host a blood drive on Wednesday at its Lebanon campus. Witham has a long history of support for the Versiti Blood Center of Indiana and participates in quarterly corporate blood drives allowing Witham employees to give back to the community in the convenience of their workplace. The blood drives are also open to the public.

Heading into the summer months, Versiti has seen a drastic drop in scheduled appointments, with nearly 25 percent of their blood collections come from their high school and college partners, meaning that when it's summer vacation, those community blood drives are not happening. Unfortunately, the need for blood does not take a summer vacation. While Versiti anticipates this dip every year, the situation is compounded by the fact that they are also seeing fewer first-time donors walking through the doors. Do you know that:

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someone needs blood in the United States.

- Indiana needs to see 550 donors PER DAY to keep up with the demand of our local hospitals.
- Your ONE donation will help up to THREE Indiana patients in need.


Potential donors must be at least 17 years old (16 years old with parental consent form signed), weigh a minimum of 110 pounds and be in good general health. Donors must also present a picture I.D., such as a driver's license. Donations are welcome from all community members, not just Witham employees. The blood drive location is at the hospital's main campus. Enter the building at the North Pavilion, 2705 N. Lebanon Street, Entrance A and follow directions to the North Pavilion Conference Rooms. Interested donors are encouraged to go online to schedule https://donate.indiana.versiti.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/164950.

Walk-ins are also welcome. For additional information please call 485-8120.

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Butch Dale's
Flashback Trivia

Answer:
Tiffany (Schlicher) Bowen



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↓ KAREN

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Richardson, Nebraska before 1870 to do the same. Jane died March 15 in 1877 and is buried here in the Lee Cemetery with so many of the other Lee family members. Not sure where she passed though but likely Nebraska since one of the daughters passed there less than two years later. In 1885 in Richardson County, Nebraska the oldest daughter's husband and her children were being stopped from taking all the money from property that Jane had owned and was being sold. Wilson T. went through court to assure that his three youngest sons who were still minors got their share!

So, let's briefly go through the children I know a bit about. Elizabeth Ann married Moses Monesmith and they were parents of ten children, five passing at an early age, one named Wilson, after her father. Elizabeth had already passed at the above court case at age 36 and was buried in Richardson County, Nebraska.

Sarah J. died at age one and a half; buried in Lee Cemetery. Ellen is listed in several family trees on Ancestry as having been born in April 1850 and passing before 1856. Couldn't find her so likely correct as was my problem with Mary Jane.

Angeline (1 Jan 1857) married Zachariah Taylor Ray, they moving to King County, Washington where they had three sons and a daughter but sadly she passed away at the young age of 31.

John F. died in Danville, Illinois (21 Dec 1906), where he was a machinist and is buried in Maple Ridge Cemetery near Waveland. Two children.

James Wilson Lee was born in Iowa (30 July 1859) married Martha Compton and took his large family (Arlando; Robert; Leah; Verren; Judy; Ira) born here to Baldwin County, Alabama where May and Bertha arrived. He farmed in both places, living in Florida in later life!

Arlando Lebeau called

"Lonnie" was born in 1862 and passed at age 25 on 9 April 1888. As far as I know he's the only one buried in Boswell Cemetery.

William Douglas Lee was born in Iowa 20 May 1864, married in MoCo to Ellen Butcher (29 Nov 1888) and passed in Mounds, Oklahoma at the age of 75. Four children (Fluta; Ray; Mary K and George), Ellen passing 13 years prior.

Flint taught school in Ripley and possibly Wayne Township for several decades, married Nora Clark but don't believe there were kiddos. Died March 1954, age 86.

Count – at least 28 grandchildren, but there is still so much to discover about this man – for instance, was he in the Civil War as many of the family trees show? My vote is no, he was a farmer and many were given deferment as long as they stayed and raised food. He was 44, true others went at that time in life, but usually if they didn't have family – he had 9 children, only one out of the house. The Wilson Lee who was in the Civil War passed away the year before ours did and is buried in Orleans, Orange County. Also some have his son Lonnie as a prisoner (stealing - Georgia prison) and I don't think that's him, either! Well, even though there are dark spots in the genealogy where questions pop-out at me, I do know he was a good, religious fellow with adventure in his soul. He passed October 28, 1899 at 78 years, 10 months, 14 days of cancer on his lip from which he suffered severely. Buried Union Cemetery north of Waveland. Do hope our wandering Wilson Thompson Lee (with strong genes on both sides) is resting peacefully and glad I wrote about his family – well deserved!

Karen Zach is the editor of Montgomery Memories, our monthly magazine all about Montgomery County. Her column, Around the County, appears Fridays in The Paper of Montgomery County. You can reach her at karen.zach@sbcglobal.net.

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Catch Butch every Monday & Wednesday, only in The Paper of Montgomery County!



PUBLIC NOTICES

Montgomery County Board of Zoning Appeals Notice of Public Hearing to Consider Variance to the Montgomery County Zoning Ordinance

Notice is hereby given the Montgomery County Board of Zoning Appeals will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, June 26, 2024, at 10:00 am to consider a Variance, of Development standards, from the Montgomery County Zoning Ordinance. The meeting will be held in the Montgomery County Government Center Community Room, 1580 Constitution Row, Crawfordsville, Indiana 47933.

The proposed Variance (ZV2404), to the development standard of 1 acre, in 2.11 of the Montgomery County Zoning Ordinance Chapter 159 of Montgomery County Code. The request is for variance to the 1-acre requirement for residential properties served by onsite septic and well. The property in the request is located at lot # 67 Imperial Woods of the Lake Holiday Subdivision, the 3400 block of W Kensington Dr.

Parcel: 54-11-34-113-066.000-025

Citizens appearing at the public hearing will have an opportunity to provide comments concerning the proposed variance. All interested citizens are encouraged to attend. The Board of Zoning Appeals may continue the hearing from time to time as may be found necessary. Citizens may file written comments or objections with Marc Bonwell, 1580 Constitution Row, Crawfordsville, Indiana 47933 (marc.bonwell@montgomerycounty.in.gov) prior to the public hearing. All such written objections will be considered by the Board of Zoning Appeals. A copy of the proposed Variance is on file and may be examined at the Montgomery County Building and Zoning Department office at 1580 Constitution Row, Crawfordsville, Indiana 47933 (765-364-6490), office hours are 8:00-4:30 weekdays except holidays.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if anyone intending to attend the public hearing needs reasonable accommodation, please contact the Montgomery County Commissioners Office, 1580 Constitution Row, Crawfordsville, IN 47933, 765-361-2623

This notice dated June 10, 2024
Marc Bonwell,
Building/Zoning Administrator
Montgomery County, IN

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Montgomery County Plan Commission Notice of Public Hearing Preliminary Plat

The Montgomery County Plan Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, June 26, 2024, at 4:00 pm to consider a Preliminary Plat for Conkright Minor Plat. The meeting will be held in the community room of the Montgomery County Government Center, 1580 Constitution Row, CRAWFORDSVILLE, IN 47933

Petitioner: Robert & Julie Conkright
Purpose of Request- Preliminary Plat
Location – 3299 W Black Creek Valley Rd
Crawfordsville, IN 47933

The request is to hold a public hearing to consider the Preliminary Plat of Conkright Minor Plat.

Citizens appearing at the public hearing will have an opportunity to provide comments concerning the proposed Plat. All interested citizens are encouraged to attend. The Montgomery County Plan Commission may continue the hearing from time to time as may be found necessary. Citizens may file written comments or objections with Marc Bonwell, 1580 Constitution Row, Crawfordsville, Indiana 47933 (marc.bonwell@montgomerycounty.in.gov) prior to the public hearing. All such written comments or objections will be considered by the Plan Commission. A copy of the proposed Plat is on file and may be examined at the Montgomery County Building and Zoning Department office at 1580 Constitution Row, Crawfordsville, Indiana 47933 (765-364-6490), office hours are 8:00-4:30 weekdays except holidays.

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Montgomery County Plan Commission Notice of Public Hearing Preliminary Plat

The Montgomery County Plan Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, June 26, 2024, at 4:00 pm to consider a Preliminary Plat for Dehaai Holdings Minor Plat. The meeting will be held in the community room of the Montgomery County Government Center, 1580 Constitution Row, CRAWFORDSVILLE, IN 47933

Petitioner: Dehaai Holdings LLC
Purpose of Request- Preliminary Plat
Location – 2600 Block of US 231 South
Crawfordsville, IN 47933

The request is to hold a public hearing to consider the Preliminary Plat of Dehaai Holdings Minor Plat.

Citizens appearing at the public hearing will have an opportunity to provide comments concerning the proposed Plat. All interested citizens are encouraged to attend. The Montgomery County Plan Commission may continue the hearing from time to time as may be found necessary. Citizens may file written comments or objections with Marc Bonwell, 1580 Constitution Row, Crawfordsville, Indiana 47933 (marc.bonwell@montgomerycounty.in.gov) prior to the public hearing. All such written comments or objections will be considered by the Plan Commission. A copy of the proposed Plat is on file and may be examined at the Montgomery County Building and Zoning Department office at 1580 Constitution Row, Crawfordsville, Indiana 47933 (765-364-6490), office hours are 8:00-4:30 weekdays except holidays.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if anyone intending to attend the public hearing needs reasonable accommodation, please contact the Montgomery County Commissioners Office, 1580 Constitution Row Crawfordsville, IN 47933, 765-361-2623

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Decommits Worked Out Well for Purdue Boiler Basketball



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Columnist

Would Purdue have reached the NCAA men's basketball championship game for the first time since 1969 with this trio alongside guard Fletcher Loyer and forward Trey Kaufman-Renn?

Hunter Dickinson at center. Jameel Brown at point guard. Dra Gibbs-Lawhorn at guard/small forward.

Dickinson, Brown and Gibbs-Lawhorn were either committed to Purdue or were coach Matt Painter's No. 1 target during their recruitment over the past four years.

Instead, Purdue wound up with Zach Edey, Braden Smith and Lance Jones. If only all consolation prizes turned out to be so valuable.

Purdue's recent good fortune with decommitments began in March 2015 when Indianapolis Tech guard C.J. Walker backed out of his pledge. In the aftermath, disgruntled former Purdue point guard Ronnie Johnson celebrated the decommitment, stating on Twitter that "CJ Walker has too much sauce to his game. Great decision."

Five months later, four-star guard Carsen Edwards of Humble, Texas, accepted the scholarship vacated by Walker. The same Carsen Edwards who scored 1,920 points in three seasons. The same Edwards who made an NCAA tournament record 28 3-pointers and averaged nearly 35 points a game while leading Purdue to within a second of a 2019 Final Four berth.

Who would Boilermaker

fans rather have had wear gold and black?

That's why the unexpected release of five-star forward Kanon Catchings from his national letter of intent last week by Painter could end up working out for the Boilermakers.

The 7-2 Dickinson surprised Purdue when he chose Michigan, where he lived up to his four-star rating as a two-time first-team All-Big Ten selection. Dickinson abandoned the Wolverines after three seasons for a bigger paycheck at Kansas. There, he earned first-team All-Big 12 honors, but the Jayhawks were booted by Gonzaga in the second round of the 2024 NCAA tournament.

Painter's Plan B for the 2020 class, 7-1 Ryan Kalkbrenner, went to Creighton, where he's had an excellent career. Plan C, 6-8 forward Ben Carlson, struggled for two seasons at Wisconsin before playing his final two seasons at Utah.

Plan D ended up becoming a two-time National Player of the Year and Purdue's all-time leading scorer and rebounder.

Brown decommitted from Purdue in 2022 shortly after his primary recruiter, Micah Shrewsbury, took the Penn State head coaching position. In 41 games at Penn State, Brown has averaged three points.

When Painter searched for a guard to replace Brown, he discovered a game tape of an undersized Westfield guard, Braden Smith. That's how the Purdue and Big Ten single-season assists record holder ended up in West Lafayette.

Purdue fans first became aware of Gibbs-Lawhorn during his freshman season at local McCutcheon High School. After one season, Gibbs-Lawhorn moved on to prep schools in Utah and Florida but he still seemed to be a priority recruit for Purdue.

After committing to the Boilermakers in Dec. 2021, Gibbs-Lawhorn backed out of his pledge the following August. Painter did not fill that scholarship when national signing day came in November, leaving a spot available for a potential transfer.

That transfer, guard Lance Jones of Southern Illinois, became the missing piece for a Purdue team coming off an embarrassing NCAA tournament loss to Fairleigh Dickenson. Jones became Purdue's third-leading scorer (11.7), and his 3-pointer against Tennessee knocked down the door to that elusive Final Four berth.

In the long run, maybe Catchings wouldn't be the star of this Purdue freshman class. At the same time Catchings exited, 7-3 center Daniel Jacobsen was impressive while helping Team USA's U18 National Team win the gold medal at the FIBA Americup in Buenos Aries, Argentina.

Somehow just a second-team Americup All-Star Five selection, Jacobsen set an American record with 19 blocked shots over six games. The previous record-holder was Indiana Pacers center Myles Turner, who had 18 in 2014.

In just 16 minutes a game, Jacobsen averaged 9.2 points and 7 rebounds. He shot nearly 65 percent from the field (22 of 34) and was 11 of 14 (.786) at the free throw line.

With or without Catchings, expectations remain high for the reigning NCAA runners-up. The Athletic has Purdue ranked 13th, the highest Big Ten team on author CJ Moore's ratings.

"It's going to be difficult to replace Edey, but Matt Painter won a lot of basketball games before Edey showed up and he'll continue to do so," Moore writes. "Painter has a really good core returning, led by Smith, who became a killer in pick-and-roll last season as both a scorer and distributor. If you asked college coaches to rank the best point guards in the country, he'd be near the top.

"Purdue got a head start on what life without Edey would be like last summer when it went on a foreign tour without him and Kaufman-Renn led the team in scoring. Painter also has three centers on the bench who could be next in line as dominant low-post scorers. The 7-foot-2 Will Berg has been learning behind Edey the last two years, and then Painter signed two centers in Daniel Jacobsen and Raleigh Burgess. Jacobsen was a standout ... at the tryouts for the U.S. U-18 team. When I asked two coaches there who stood out, both mentioned Jacobsen, with one saying he'll eventually be a star. He's 7-3, skilled and playing at Purdue, so odds are in his favor."

The Boilermakers' schedule should once again prepare them well for Big Ten play. The Athletic's No. 1 preseason team, Alabama, comes to Mackey Arena on Nov. 15 for the start of a two-game home and home series.

Purdue also plays No. 11 Texas A&M in this

year's Indy Classic at Gainbridge Fieldhouse on Dec. 14. In between Alabama and Texas A&M is a trip to No. 14 Marquette on Nov. 19.

Michigan at No. 17 is the second-highest conference team, followed by Indiana (19th) and Illinois (20th).

"It's a huge year for (coach Mike) Woodson," Moore writes. "Based on this class, Indiana's donors are coming through financially, but that could quickly change if results don't follow."

Noteworthy Purdue football has the new Big Ten's second-most difficult schedule, according to Bill Bender of The Sporting News.

Bender's criteria included the number of ranked teams from The Sporting News' preseason top 25 on the schedule. Purdue will play three top five teams - Ohio State, Penn State and Notre Dame - but the Nittany Lions and Fighting Irish come to Ross-Ade Stadium.

"Wisconsin and Nebraska are unranked for now, but Purdue faces those teams on back-to-back weeks in late September," Bender writes. "This just isn't a friendly schedule for second-year coach Ryan Walters."

Michigan's schedule is rated the Big Ten's toughest. Indiana and Oregon tied for the 12th most difficult schedule. The Hoosiers also have to play at Ohio State but host Michigan and Washington. ...

Purdue cornerback Nyland Green, formerly of Georgia, was ranked among the top incoming Big Ten transfers by CBSSports.com writer Tom Fornelli.

"The defensive scheme Ryan Walters brought to Purdue puts a lot on the plates of its corners, who are often left alone in man coverage," Fornelli writes. "For that reason alone, Nyland Green will have a huge impact on Purdue's 2024 season. If the Georgia transfer can perform at a level matching his ranking out of high school (Green was the No. 2 CB in the 2021 class), it will go a long way in helping the Boilermakers defense improve significantly this season."

New Indiana quarterback Kurtis Rourke also made Fornelli's list.

"New coach Curt Cignetti has done excellent work in the transfer portal this offseason, but none of it matters if the QB doesn't work out," Fornelli writes. "Luckily for the Hoosiers, Rourke is a good bet to work out, as he was a highly productive player for one of the MAC's best programs at Ohio." ...

Former Purdue volleyball standout Annie Drews will compete in her second Olympics Games this summer in Paris.

Drews is one of eight returning players from the United States' 2020 gold medal-winning squad in Tokyo.

Kenny Thompson is the former sports editor for the Lafayette Journal & Courier and an award-winning journalist. He has covered Purdue athletics for many years.



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